

**DEBORAH A. BONANNI**  
**INTELLIGENT DECISIONS**

Ms. Bonanni retired from public service in early 2013. From 2006 to 2013 she served as the Chief of Staff of the National Security Agency. She was responsible for the strategic direction, leadership and oversight of the corporate functions that enable and support the Agency's signals intelligence, information assurance, and cyber security missions. Her span of control covered human resources services, education and training, physical and personnel security, installations and logistics, policy and records management, external relations, corporate communications, occupational health and wellness, and registry and protocol services. She chaired the corporate board and managed the processes that governed the identification, selection, compensation, and professional development of NSA's highest-level executive leaders and technical experts.

Prior to serving as NSA Chief of Staff, Ms. Bonanni served in a number of senior leadership positions in and out of the legal domain, including the Associate Director of Human Resources Services; the Associate Director for Education and Training; and the Commandant of the National Cryptologic School, a nationally recognized academic institution providing tailored training and professional development of military and civilian employees. As Deputy Director of the NSA's Equal Employment Opportunity organization, she advocated for the use of mediation as a neutral and effective alternative to litigation for resolving disputes, and established the Agency's first alternative dispute resolution center. Ms. Bonanni began her NSA career as a staff attorney specializing in federal procurement law before assuming the leadership position of Associate General Counsel for Information Security.

Ms. Bonanni graduated from Hood College, Summa Cum Laude, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in History and Political Science. She received her Juris Doctorate from the Columbus School of Law, Catholic University, and is a member of the Bars of Maryland and the District of Columbia. She is a graduate of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Senior Seminar, an executive leadership program sponsored by the U.S. Department of State for civilian and military leaders from the federal foreign affairs community. She has completed other numerous executive leadership courses and professional mediation programs. Ms. Bonanni received the Exceptional Civilian Service Award, NSA's highest honorary award, as well as the National Distinguished Service Medal from the Director, National Intelligence. She is the recipient of three Presidential Rank Awards, one of which was the Distinguished level.

Since retiring from public service, Ms. Bonanni has served as a Senior Advisor at Intelligent Decisions, Inc. She has served on the KEYW, Inc. Board of Directors since April 2013 and is a member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. She also serves on the Hood College Board of Associates where she is lending her expertise to strengthen Hood's role in STEM education, and to mentor the next generation of leaders.